REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, Claims 1-13 were pending in the application. Claims 1-5 and 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patent Application Publication US 2004/0002326 to Maher in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2002/0083145 to Perinpanathan in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,839,435 B1 to Ijima et al.; and Claims 6 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patent Application Publication US 2004/0002326 to Maher in view of Perinpanathan in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,839,435 B1 to Ijima et al., and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,500,070 B1 to Tomizawa et al.

As indicated above, Claims 1, 3, 7, and 10 have been amended. New Claim 40 has been added. No new matter has been presented. Claims 1-13, and 40 are now pending, with Claims 1 and 7 as independent claims.

Regarding the §103(a) rejection of Claims 1 and 7, which have been amended to recite, "after the mobile terminal receives update result information from the mobile game server for indicating a success of storing the resultant game score in the memory to the mobile terminal," these claims are patentable over Maher, Perinpanathan, and Ijima et al. In the Examiner's Response to Arguments, the Examiner states that the mobile terminal must inherently store game score and game status information at some point before uploading the information to the game server, and that such a storages occurs regardless of whether the mobile game server. (Office Action, pages 7-8). However, as illustrated in FIG. 13, steps 131-135, the mobile terminal according to the present application determines whether to store the resultant game score after determining whether the server has stored the game score. (Specification, page 16, line 17-page 17, line 5; FIG. 13). Then, the mobile terminal can later access the resultant game score from the mobile game server, instead of continuing to store the resultant game score in the memory of the
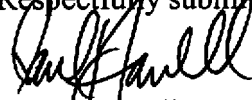
mobile terminal in the interim. Therefore, although the game score must be present in a memory of the mobile terminal, before uploading, in order to upload the score from the mobile terminal to the mobile game server, it is not inherent that the mobile terminal determines whether to continue storing the score according to whether the server has successfully stored the score, after the mobile game server successfully stores the score, as is claimed in the present application.

Maher, Perinpanathan, and Ijima et al. do not teach, disclose, or suggest, neither alone, nor in combination, the above-quoted limitation of amended Claims 1 and 7. Therefore, Claims 1 and 7 are patentable over the prior art. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1 and 7 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-6 and 8-13 are dependent claims, and are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons given above with regard to their respective independent Claims 1 and 7.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-13, and 40 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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